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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing  
is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s)  
according to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): YAMAGUCHI, Hiroshi

For: RETRIEVAL SYSTEM AND IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

Enclosed are:

A specification consisting of 58 pages

6 sheet(s) of Formal drawings

Certified copy of Priority Document(s)

Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.64 will follow

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27

Preliminary Amendment

Information Sheet

Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)

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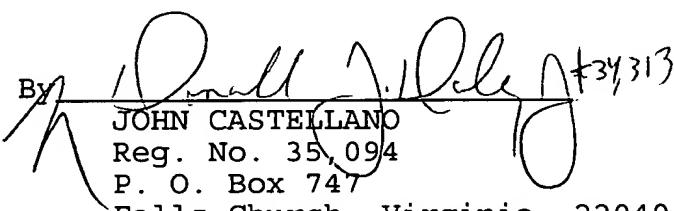
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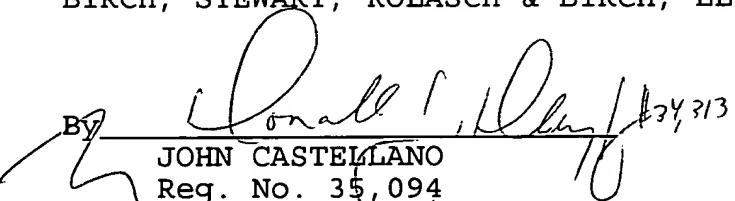
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The above information is submitted to advise the USPTO of all relevant facts in connection with the present application. A timely executed Declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.64 will follow.

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